(ग) यदि हां, तो यह सहायता किस-किस तारीख को प्रदान की गयी और प्रत्येक बार कितनी-कितनी राशि प्रदान की गयी और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार से भूकम्प से प्रभावित क्षेत्रों को राहत संबंधी कार्यकलापों के लिये आपदा राहत निधि के अधीन किये गये आबंटन के अलावा कोई अन्य केन्द्रीय सहायता की मांग के बारे में कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है। तथापि, राज्य सरकार से एक अनुरोध प्राप्त हुआ है, जिसमें प्रभावित क्षेत्रों में एक आपातकालीन पुनर्निर्माण परियोजना शुरू करने के लिये विश्व बैंक की सहायता की मांग की गई है। राज्य सरकार ने अनुमान लगाया है कि गढ़वाल मंडल के पांच जिलों में अवसंरचना की क्षति लगभग 300 करोड़ रुपये की होगी। तदनुसार, विश्व बैंक प्राधिकारियों से अनुरोध कर दिया गया है।

Problems of dairy and poultry farms

2298. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of dairy and poultry farms are on the verge of closure due to poor-availability of feed; raw materials, specially wheat and maize;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the feed manufacturers are passing through bad period due to increase in the prices of almost all raw materials; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to bail out the feed industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Some representations to this effect have been received by the Government.

(c) Government have taken a number of steps to provide some relief to the feed industry. Some of these are:—

(i) State Governments have been requested to ensure that no hoarding of maize takes place.

(ii) NAFED has been requested to procure maize and distribute to poultry farmers at reasonable prices.

(iii) Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been requested to increase the production of maize.

(iv) Action being taken to make available increased quantities of wheat and maize for the exclusive use in cattle/poultry feed.

Monitoring of pesticides with high toxic contents

£ £ 2299. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to monitor the use of various pesticides with high toxic contents, which are banned in many Western Countries;

(b) what are the pesticides in use in the country which are banned abroad;

(c) what steps Government have taken to prevent use of highly toxic pesticides in India; and

(d) the details of the policy if any, proposed to be formulated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Residues of pesticides with high toxic contents are being monitored by the Ganga Project Directorate and Central and State Pollution Control Boards under the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Central Ganga Authority is monitoring eight pesticides e.g. DDT, BHC, Lindane, Malathion, Dimethoate Endosulfan, Methyl Parathion and Ethi-

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on since 1986. Some of these pesticides are banned in many Western Countries. Central Pollution Control Board along with State Pollution Control Boards are also monitoring the pesticides residues of organo-chlorine pesticides in organisms and sediment in Coastal waters through 107 monitoring stations.

(b) As per the information available, 9 pesticides, namely BHC, DDT, Ethylene Dibromide (EDB), Captarol, 2, 4-D, Carbaryl, Nicotine Sulphate, Phenyl Mercury Acetate (PMA) and Monocrotophos are banned in some of the European Countries and USA but are being used in India.

(c) and (d) Pesticides are toxic by nature and are meant for killing pests. To prevent the toxicity due to the use of highly toxic pesticides due care like registration of safer formulation prescription of precaution during the use are being taken. Moreover, training on safe and judicious use of pesticides is imparted from time to time by different Governmental/Non-Governmental organisations to avoid hazards due to misuse/abuse of pesticides. The Government is advocating Integrated pest Management approach which inter-alia includes cultural, biological and mechanical methods; and need based application of pesticides on the basis of Economic Thershold level, based on monitoring of crop pests.

Counting of service for promotion of officials of agricultural research service

2300. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the service rendered by the Scientists of ICAR in the grade S-O of Agricultural Research service prior to the 1st January, 1986 was not counted for the purpose of placement as well as for promotion to next higher grade at the time of adoption of UGC package with effective from the 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether the CAT, on a case filed by the Scientists and Technical Association had directed that the service rendered by the Scientists in S-O or equivalent grade shall be counted for the purpose of placement and promotions also and that the same was upheld by Supreme Court;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the same has not been implemented so far; and

(e) if so, what are reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take to expedite the implementation of the same and take action against the erring officials for not implementing the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHR K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes.

(c) On the petition filed by the Scientific & Technical Association of IARI, New Delhi, the Hon'ble CAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi has directed that the service rendered by the scientists in S-O or equivalent grade may be counted for the purpose of placement/promotions. A special leave petition was filed by the ICAR in the Supreme Court against this judgement of CAT, but it was not admitted.

(d) and (e) The decision has not been implemented so far, as a review petition alongwith an application for stay has been filed by the ICAR in the Supreme Court. The decision of the Supreme Court is awaited.

Telephone connections in the country

2301. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the State-wise number of telephone connections in the country;